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Rangsdorf (Z82)

- B-2 1. 12 January 1947: This field, which lacks concrete surfacing, has been affected by the cold weather and subsequent thaw. Few flights are being made. Only a few MIG-1 and U-2 aircraft were seen on the field. According to the airfield commander, the field is to be evacuated.

Köthen (D95)

- E-3 2. 15 January 1947: A hitherto untested source states that the field south of Köthen is one of the largest in Germany and that its barracks are undamaged. He then goes on to say that a large workers' settlement of one and two-family houses, situated midway between the town and the airfield, has been ordered evacuated. The residents, largely mining families, have been told to leave all their household effects behind when they depart. This source claims that Soviet troop strength in Köthen on 15 January was 10-12,000.

Neuruppin (Z49)

- C-3 3. 17 January 1947: The former German emergency field, four kilometers northwest of Neuruppin, is not being used by aircraft. Armored units, whose tanks visit the field four times weekly, are using it as a target range. Training includes firing at armor plate targets from level ground, from ditches, and while the tanks are in motion.

Kyritz (Z19)

- C-3 4. 17 January 1947: The larger of the two airfields south of Kyritz lies along the Kyritz-Neustadt railroad line. It is 2,000 meters long, 500 meters wide, and grass-covered. It contains an unreported number of former barracks of massive stone construction, now used as hangars and capable of lodging two or three aircraft each.

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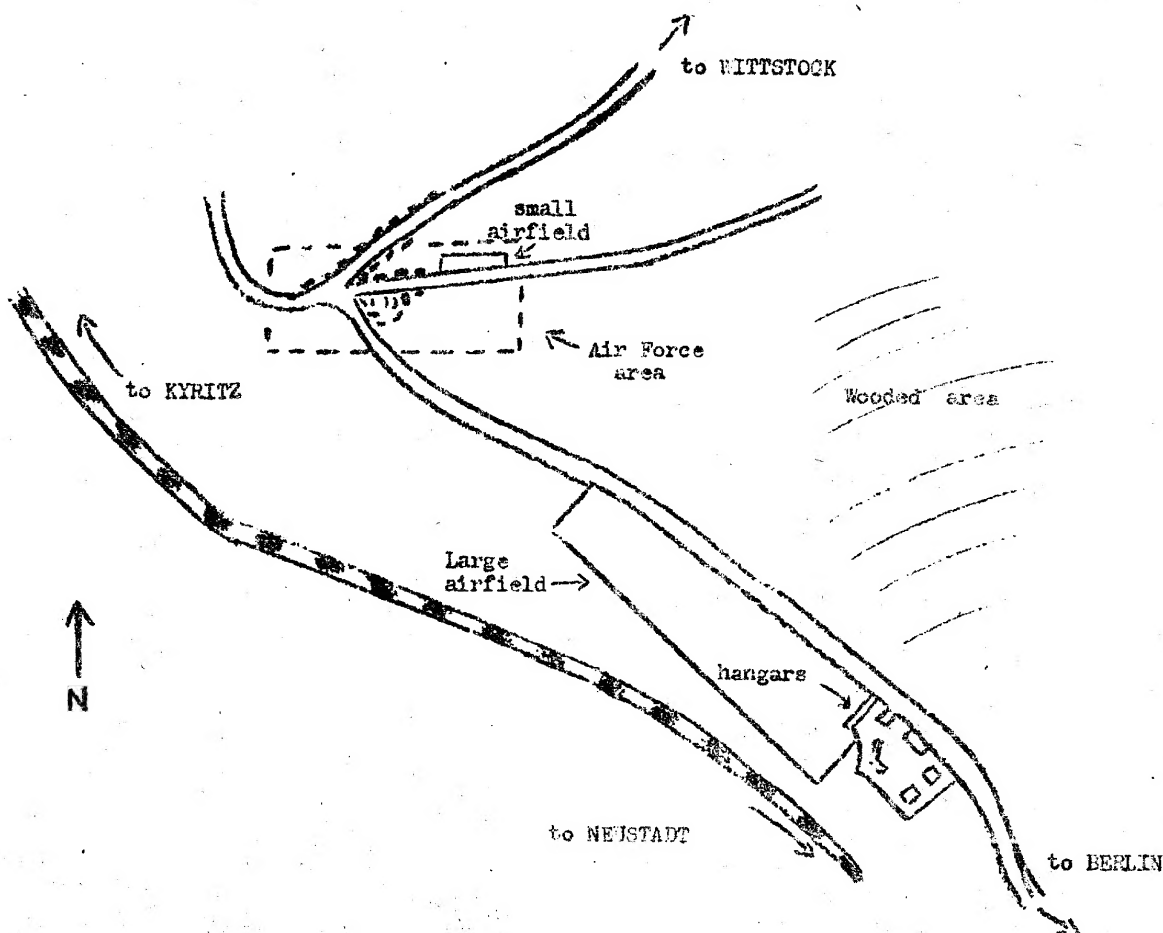
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Some new wooden hangars can accommodate four or five planes each. A tank truck column, observed near these hangars on 17 January, included five vehicles marked M 0-92-54, 0-92-56, 0-92-57, 0-92-58 and 0-92-60. Two Arado trainers, one LA-7 and two transport planes were seen on the field. Except for training and courier flights in a northwest direction, there is little flying activity.

- b. The smaller airfield, 100 meters long and fifty meters wide, lies north of the field described in Para a. above, near the junction of the road from Wittstock to Kyritz. On 17 January, there were only six R-6 aircraft on this field.
- c. Of the 5,000 Russians stationed in Kyritz, 1,000 Air Force personnel are billeted in an apartment compound located near the road to Wittstock. The area contains the smaller airfield. Some officers have dependents with them. Stalin's son is alleged to belong to this unit.
- d. In Kyritz proper, an artillery regiment with thirty motorized 76.2 mm anti-tank guns is billeted in the artillery school on the Perlebergerstrasse. The weapons are used several times a week to train new recruits.



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